Lakewood Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Sunday, February 27, 2022



An Order of Worship to be followed in your home, along with our Livestream Service at 10:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

If you are new among us, welcome. Please know we are glad you're here; you're welcome in our remote community and you're welcome in our physical community when the time is right.

At Lakewood Congregational Church, we strive to be people of extravagant welcome. Whether you are young or old, gay or straight, single or partnered, happy or sad, confused or inspired, street smart or college-educated, whether you can't pay your bills or you have more than enough to share—no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here in this place, to worship a loving God who welcomes us all. As I stand in this sanctuary I join my heart with you and I pray that you might feel the refuge of this space.

May the Peace of Christ be with you. Let us worship God.

Prelude

traditional

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
LCC Dixieland Band
Jabril Barnes, trumpet
Dave Kasper, alto saxophone
William C. Washington III, trombone
Matt Banner, sousaphone
Tim Lane, drums

Call to Worship

One: Some days feel as though we are caught in a storm.

All: But our God is here and does not keep silent.

One: We watch the rising and the setting of the sun, wondering

what tomorrow will bring.

All: Our God is here and does not keep silent.

One: There is a voice calling us to listen.

All: Our God is here and does not keep silent.

One: We hear that everything, including us, belongs to God,

and is in God's care.

All: Our God is here and does not keep silent. We are

listening.

Opening Hymn

1. Oh, when the saints go marching in

Refrain: Oh Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.

- 2. And when the sun refuse to shine
- 3. When they go through them Pearly Gates
- 4. Oh when they ring them silver bells
- 5. And when the angels gather 'round
- 6. Oh into Heaven when they go
- 7. And when they're singing hallelu
- 8. And when the Lord is shakin' hands
- 9. Oh, when the saints go marching in

Prayer of Invocation

Holy One, you are beyond words and description, your love is beyond knowledge and explanation. Make our hearts ready to receive you. Change us, we pray, that our lives may reflect the glory of your transfiguration. We rejoice in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Anthem

arr. Marques Garrett

My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord LCC Chancel Choir

Faith Formation

All youth (preK-12th grade) are welcome to join in today's Faith Formation classes. Rachel and the leaders will guide them to their classrooms. Children can be picked up there after worship.

A Time of Prayer

Invitation to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

Give Me a Clean Heart

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A Time of Sharing

Call to Offering

Doxology (in unison)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Bless these gifts, we pray.

May they represent just the beginning of our journey to show forth your glory to the world. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Patti Komperda

Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Reflection

Rev. Joanna D'Agostino

Let's Stay Here

Closing Hymn

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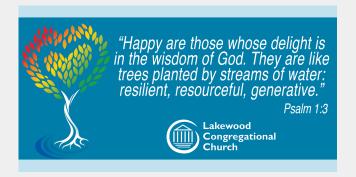
Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Benediction

Postlude

traditional

This Little Light of Mine LCC Dixieland Band



Offering and Contribution Collection

Please consider fulfilling your pledges during this time. Financial gifts are always welcome, and our church feels the call to respond to the needs around us as they arise. Financial stability allows us to do so more effectively. So, let us give generously of our time, talent, and treasure to further the work of God in our community. You can do so in the following ways:

- Writing and mailing a check to Lakewood Congregational Church, 1375 W. Clifton Blvd., Lakewood, OH 44107
- Texting STEWARD to 44-321
- Sending a gift through your bank's online bill pay
- By using the donate button on the church's website <u>www.lcc-church.org</u>
- Call the church office at (216) 221-9555 to discuss other options



Calendar

Sunday, February 27, 10:00 am	Mardi Gras Worship Service, with David Kasper and his Dixieland Band
Wednesday, March 2, 6:30pm	Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, March 22, 6:30 pm	Taizé and Labyrinth Service (Social Hall)
Friday, April 1, 7:00pm	Youth Musical "Shrek, the Musical"
Saturday, April 2, 7:00pm	Youth Musical "Shrek, the Musical"
Sunday, April 3, 2:00pm	Youth Musical "Shrek, the Musical"
Sunday, April 10, 10:00 am	Palm Sunday Worship Service
Thursday, April 14, 6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)
Friday, April 15, 7:30 pm	Community Good Friday Service; a collaborative service of the Lakewood Ministerial Association (Hosted by LCC/Trinity; Sanctuary)
Sunday, April 17, 10:00 am	Easter Sunday Service An Easter Egg Hunt for children will follow worship. Please meet in the Memorial Garden.

Social Hall Labyrinth Dates and Times

Not to be confused with a maze, a labyrinth is a singular path leading to the center and back out again. The practice provides space to quiet the mind and heart. Walk LCC's big canvas labyrinth in the Social Hall during the times listed or make an appointment in the church office.



- Following the Taizé Service March 22, 6:30pm
- During Office Hours March 23, 24, 25, 9am-3pm
- Saturday Morning March 26, 9am-noon

Our Mission Statement proclaims our common goal.

We strive to be a welcoming, worshiping community of faith, helping people discover and deepen their relationship with God, growing as disciples of Christ, and reaching out in faith and loving service.

In keeping with the spirit of our Mission Statement,
Lakewood Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is an
Open and Affirming congregation. Wherever you are on life's
journey, we welcome you and all people of every sexual
orientation, age, ability, gender identity and expression, and
ethnic, economic, and racial background into the full life and
ministry of our church. We declare this in the everlasting grace
of the Still-Speaking God.